[*Translation*]

Cancellation of Trains

*295. SHRI ARJUN SINGH YADAV:
SHRI KASHIRAM PANA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of trains cancelled during the last three years in the country;

(b) the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the Government propose to restore these trains; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) to (d). During the last 3 years as many as 61 pairs of slow moving passenger trains have been withdrawn permanently on account of poor patronisation or rationalisation of services on those sectors. These services are not proposed to be restored. A number of trains get cancelled due to accidents, breaches, bandhs etc. These cancellations are of a temporary nature and are restored on attaining normalcy.

However, 25 pairs of trains have been temporarily cancelled from January, 1992 in order to clear the extra rush of peak season freight traffic. These will be restored progressively in April, 1992. Another 23 pairs of trains have been cancelled due to difficult law and order situation in Punjab and Assam. These will be restored after the State Governments give clearance for their restoration.

[*English*]

Wagon for Southern Railway

*296. SHRI A. CHARLES: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is shortage of wagons, especially in the Southern Railway;

(b) whether the shortage of wagons has affected the movement of foodgrains to Kerala; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to meet the shortage?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Temporary shortage of wagons is felt particularly for piecemeal loading during the peak season.

(b) No, Sir. Foodgrains move from Punjab, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh to Kerala and these are moved as per programme, to meet the requirement of Public Distribution System.

(c) Does not arise.

Import of Locomotives

*297 SHRI AMAL DATTA:
PROF. UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU:

Will the Minister of of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government imported electric locomotives several years ago;

(b) if so, the number, description, source and price thereof;

(c) if not, whether the proposals to import electric locomotives have been much delayed;

(d) if so, the reasons therefore and the financial loss suffered as a result thereof;